

## Adult Sunday School

January 10, 2021

Matthew 9:1-26; Modules 23-24

### Outline

- The authoritative power of the Messiah: Kingdom power demonstrated (Matthew 8:1-9:38).

### Module 23 - Matthew 9:1-13

**Scope and Purpose** - We have our Lord's knowledge of men's thoughts, the wonderful call of the Apostle Matthew to be Christ's disciple, and our Lord's precious declaration about his own mission.

### Prominent Points

1. The Lord's Knowledge of men's thoughts.
  - a. The scribes indicated that Lord blasphemed and thought that no one know what they thought. The Son of Man could read hearts and discern spirits. Their thoughts were publicly exposed and put to open shame.
  - b. Application -
    - b.i. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:13).
    - b.ii. Jesus will one day summon us to give an account of our thoughts and words.
    - b.iii. on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. Romans 2:16
    - b.iv. We also need to thank God daily that the blood of Christ covers these sinful thoughts.
    - b.v. See Afternoon Study Notes - October 11, 2020 - Sinful thoughts; what they are and how to overcome them.
    - b.vi. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14.
2. The Wonderful Call of the Apostle Matthew
  - a. We see Matthew absorbed in his earthly calling possibly thinking of nothing but money and gain.
  - b. The Lord Jesus calls Matthew to follow him and become his disciple. Matthew makes haste to obey.

- c. I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. Psalm 119:60.
  - d. Application
    - d.i. Nothing with Christ is impossible. He changed a tax-gatherer into an apostle.
    - d.ii. Never despair anyone's salvation.
    - d.iii. Let us pray on, speak on, and work on in order to do good to souls, even to the souls of the worst.
    - d.iv. Matthew did not tarry. He wrote this wonderful gospel. Countless billions know the name, Matthew, the publican.
3. The Lord's Precious Declaration about his own Mission
- a. The Pharisees mocked Jesus for associating with "sinners."
  - b. The grand mission of Jesus was to be the Messiah, a Savior, a Physician for sick souls. He did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.
  - c. Application-
    - c.i. We need to deeply feel our own corruption and to be willing to come to Jesus for deliverance. Happy is he who really comprehends that one principal qualification for coming to Christ is a deep sense of sin.
    - c.ii. Let us never forget that Christ came to call sinners. Let us not dream we can achieve full perfection in this life as to not need the mediation and intercession of Christ. We die as sinners indebted to Christ's blood just as much as we were when we first believed.

## **Module 24 - Matthew 9:14-26**

**Scope and Purpose** - This passage shows the gracious name by which the Lord Jesus speaks of himself, what a wise principle the Lord Jesus lays down for the treatment of young disciples, what an encouragement Jesus gives to the humblest of faith, and our Lord's almighty power.

### **Prominent Points**

1. Jesus calls himself the bridegroom.
  - a. Christ loves us with a deep and everlasting love; he takes us into union with himself; we are one with Christ. He pays all our debts to God; he supplies all our daily need; he sympathizes with us in all our troubles; he bears with all our infirmities and does not reject us for a few weaknesses.

- b. This is the portion faith admits us. By it God joins our poor sinful souls to one precious Husband; and those whom God joins together shall never be put asunder.
- 2. The wise principle the Lord Jesus lays down for the treatment of young disciples
  - a. They did not fast as John the Baptist's disciples did.
  - b. Is it not wise to fast while the bridegroom is with us?
  - c. They young beginners in the school of Christianity must be dealt with gently, they must be taught as they are able to bear, and they cannot handle everything at once.
  - d. Application-
    - d.i. This is important in the spiritual teaching of the young in experience.
    - d.ii. The first principles of repentance and faith have to be thoroughly learned as opposed to stressing the lesser things or religion. This is very critical for teachers to know and follow.
- 3. Encouragement to the humblest faith
  - a. The woman had confidence that if she touched Jesus' garment she would be healed. This seed of faith attained her Lord's commendation. She returned home made whole and in peace.
  - b. Application-
    - b.i. Our faith may be feeble; our courage may be small; our grasp of the gospel, and its promises, may be weak and trembling, - but, after all, the grand question is, Do we really only trust in Christ?
    - b.ii. We may not touch his garment, but we can touch his heart. This faith saves the soul.
    - b.iii. Weak faith is less comfortable than strong faith; weak faith will carry us to heaven with far less joy than full assurance; but weak faith gives an interest in Christ as sure as strong faith.
- 4. Our Lord's Almighty Power
  - a. Who that has ever seen the dead can forget the stillness, the silence, the coldness when the breath has left the body?
  - b. But the Lord calls the spirit back into the earthly body. The pulse once more beats; the eyes once more see; the breath once more comes and goes.
  - c. This is omnipotence indeed! None could have done this but he who first created man, and has all power in heaven and earth.
  - d. Application-

- d.i. We can never know this truth too well. The more we see Christ's power, the more likely we are to realize gospel peace.
- d.ii. Our position may be trying; our hearts may be weak; the world may be difficult to journey through; our faith may seem too small to carry us home; but let us take courage, when we think on Jesus, and let us not be cast down.
- d.iii. Greater is he that is for us than those against us. Our Savior can raise the dead. Our Savior is almighty.

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